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VFC Vaccine Shortage: 'Special Circumstance' Billing Reminder

Providers billing either the Vaccines For Children (VFC) or Medi-Cal vaccine codes because of a special circumstance must indicate the special circumstance requiring the use of the administered vaccine in the *Remarks* area of the claim. Medi-Cal vaccine injection codes billed for recipients eligible to receive VFC program vaccines will be reimbursed only in documented cases of vaccine shortage, disease epidemic, vaccine delivery problems, or instances when the recipient does not meet the special circumstances required for VFC special-order vaccines. A provider's non-enrollment in the VFC program is not a justified exception. The VFC and Medi-Cal vaccine codes for the same vaccine should not be billed by the same provider, for the same recipient and date of service. The use and billing of VFC or Medi-Cal vaccine codes are subject to post-payment audits.

Hepatitis B Immunization: Update

Effective March 1, 2002, providers administering Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) to children older than 12 months should use a 0.06 ml/kg dose. *This information is reflected on manual page inject 13 (Part 2)*.

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Included with this bulletin: *Medi-Cal Training* flyer

Part 2

Remove and replace: cal child 1/2 *

cif co 1/2 * hcpcs 1/2 * inject 13/14

^{*} Pages updated/corrected due to ongoing provider manual revisions.